

Reflection Wednesday Week 20 – 2020

There were two brothers. The first brother heard the call of God and joined a Religious Order, was ordained a priest, and went to work in one of the poorest countries of the world. His life there was extremely poor, often with little to eat and little or no medical help, but he loved the people and would do anything for them. The second brother also heard the call but decided he wanted to marry which he did. He had three beautiful children, who grew up to be excellent young people. He was very successful in his job and became wealthy enough never to have to worry about money. Every now and again he would send generous help to his brother on the missions. They eventually both die and go to heaven. There they meet up and enjoyed being in the company with all the saints and happy in the glory and love of God. Eventually, Jesus came to the brother who had been on the missions and asked him *“Now that you know that your brother has received the same reward as yourself, what life would you choose to live if you were able to start over again?”* The missionary replied *“I would go back and work among the people I loved in that poor, poor village!!”*

Living the gospel, following Jesus Christ, is never ever about the reward. It is always, always, always about LOVE!!

To bee or not to bee . . . !!

I bought a dozen bees for a beehive, but when my order arrived, there were thirteen bees in the box. I called customer service and told them they gave me one bee too many. The woman who answered the phone said: ***“Oh, that's just a freebie”***

Another freebie . . .

If you work at a factory making kitchen work tops and you're very good at your job, then, ironically, you are being **counter-productive**.